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SUBJECT: AMOCO REP CONFIRMS REED BANK SHOOTING INCIDENTS

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CONVERSATION DATED JUNE 28, 1976

1. WILSON LEE NEWELL OF AMOCO PHILIPPINES PETROLEUM CO. VOLUNTEERED HIS VERSION OF ALLEGED SHOOTING INCIDENTS NEAR REED BANK AREA DRILLSITE DURING CONVERSATION REPORT-ED MANILA 10762.

2. ACCORDING TO NEWELL, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN ON THE BRINKERHOFF AT THE TIME, A LARGE UNIDENTIFIED BOAT WAS SEEN LAYING OFF THE BRINKERHOFF AND DISCHARGING SMALLER BOATS INTO THE WATER. NEWELL PRESUMED THEY WERE FISHING
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BOATS. SALEN AB OFFICIALS ON THE BRINKERHOFF (AS OPERA-

TORS AT THE TIME SALEN WAS OFFICIALLY IN CHARGE OF THE VESSEL) INTOFIED COL. HERNANDEZ OF WESCOM OF THE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL AS THEY HAD BEEN ADVISED TO DO BY THE GOP. NEWELL SAID ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR LATER PAF PLANES ARRIVED AND STARTED SHOOTING, FIRST AT BRINKERHOFF SUPPORT VESSEL (*), AND THEN AT THE FISHING BOATS (HIS TERM). HE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THE PLANES ONLY WANTED TO SCARE THE INTRUDERS OFF AND NOT HIT THEM. FIRING AT THE SUPPORT VESSEL WAS AN OBVIOUS RESULT OF POOR COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMAND. THE INDIDENT OCCURRED "A FEW WEEKS AGO".

3. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT HE HAD HEARD THIS STROY BEFORE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, BUT UNTIL NOW DID NOT GIVE IT ANY CREDENCE BECAUSE A SOURCE VERY CLOSE TO THE DRILLING OPERATIONS AND IN A POSITION TO KNOW HAD CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY SUCH INCIDENT OCCURRED. NEWELL SHRUGGED.

4. THE FOREGOING IS REPORTED FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH.
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